



Sunday 15th March 2026 Mothering Sunday

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1 Samuel 1. 20–end In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’ She left him there for the Lord.

Psalms 127. 1–4 1 Except the Lord build the house * their labour is but lost that build it. 2 Except the Lord keep the city * the watchman waketh but in vain. 3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness * for so he giveth his beloved sleep. 4 Lo, children and the fruit of the womb * are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

Colossians 3. 12–17 As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has

forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19. 25b–27 Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post-Communion Collect Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notices

Café St Michael, Tuesday 17th March, 10am–12noon in Colyford Memorial Hall, all are welcome to this friendly community café.

Holyford Lent Course, this Tuesday 17th March we will be in Northleigh Village Hall. This year's theme is **The People of Holy Week** and we will be looking at Pontius Pilate. The evening will begin at 7pm with refreshments, followed by a talk and discussion at 7.30pm. Please see flyers at the back of church for more information.

Confirmation Classes. Those interested in exploring confirmation are welcome to attend the classes which will be held on Thursday 26th and Monday 30th March, and Thursday 9th and Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Sunday School Building in Colyton. Please speak to Fr Marc if you wish to attend, his email address is: curate@holyford.org

Passion Sunday Taizé Service: On Sunday 22nd March at 7.30pm in St Andrew's church (Colyton) we will be holding a reflective evening which will take the form of a Taizé service: readings and prayers with simple chants. The service will be by candle-light with gentle incense. If you would like to join the group of singers and musicians for this service, we shall be rehearsing in St Andrew's church on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm and at 5pm on the day of the service. If you would like to join us please contact Fr Steven (rector@holyford.org) or Ellen Anning (ellen.anning@outlook.com)

Coffee Time Concert, Sunday 22nd March in St Andrew's church after the morning service, come and support Zac as he plays his grade 8 piano pieces to us.

Holyford Mission Community Challenge – Tent for Lent – With disaster relief charity ShelterBox. Christine Sansom, Churchwarden at St Andrew's is spearheading the campaign for Holyford Mission Community to raise £402 by Good Friday (3rd April). Please think about making a donation via collections during services in Lent, or at The Lantern Shop in Colyton or online to CAF Bank, Colyton PCC, 40–52–40, 00011472 (please reference your payment "Tent"). See posters and the Holyford Herald for more details.

Knitted Easter Treats. A group of knitters will be selling knitted Easter chicks, rabbits and lambs filled with a Cadbury's crème egg. They are available for £2.50 from The Lantern shop and Anton's butchers in Colyton.

Hetty's Easter cards are now for sale at Friendly Friday in Colyton for 50p each.

Easter Lillies, there is a sheet at the back of St Andrew's church for anyone who would like to record the name of a loved one(s) to be remembered over Easter. Donations to the lilies can be made in the box next to the sheet (only available during services).

Holy Week & Easter. Preparations for Holy Week are coming together. There are flyers with the full programme on at the back of church. This year we have a visiting preacher, the Reverend Tim Hunt, who is Chaplain at Blundell's School. Please set aside time to give yourself the opportunity to attend the various services on offer as we journey together during this Holy time.

On **Maundy Thursday** we have our Mission Community service at St Andrew's at 7.30pm followed by the all-night vigil. Please sign up for the vigil at the back of St Andrew's church, Colyton.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For mothers and all who support and nurture us
Monday	For peace in the Middle East
Tuesday	For the people of Ireland
Wednesday	For the family and friends of the late Janet Selley
Thursday	For foster and adoptive parents and carers
Friday	For all those considering pilgrimage or retreat
Saturday	For Reuben Burrough on his baptism day tomorrow

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 15th March	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Mothersing Sunday</i>	9.30am	Family Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Family Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	10.00am	Family Service, St Giles's, Northleigh
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Andrew's, Colyton
Monday 16th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 17th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Patrick</i>	10.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Café St Michael, Colyford Hall
	7.00pm	Lent Course, Northleigh Village Hall
Wednesday 18th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.30pm	Janet Selley's funeral, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	2.00pm	Branscombe Coffee & Chat, Branoc Hall
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.30pm	Taizé service rehearsal, St Andrew's, Colyton
Thursday 19th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Joseph of Nazareth</i>	10.00am	Colyton Primary school assembly, St Andrew's
	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringing Practice, followed by training at St Andrew's church, Colyton
	7.30pm	Musbury PCC meeting
Friday 20th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Cuthbert</i>	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	6.45pm	Choir Practice, St Andrew's, Colyton
Saturday 21st March		
Sunday 22nd March	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Passion Sunday</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Morning Prayer & Baptism, St Winifred's church
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	5.00pm	Taizé rehearsal, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.30pm	Taizé service, St Andrew's, Colyton
		No service at Musbury today